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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES

OF PHILADELPHIA.

1857.

January 20th.

COL. M'CALL in the Chair.

Communications intended for publication in the Proceedings were presented, entitled:

Catalogue of the species of Bembidium found in the United States and contiguous northern regions. By John L. LeConte, M. D.

Index to the Buprestidæ of the United States, described in the work of Laporte and Gory, with notes. By John L. LeConte, M. D.

Description of several new Mammals, from Western Africa. By John LeConte.

Aluminium; the progress in its manipulation. W. J. Taylor.

Catalogue of birds collected by P. B. Du Chaillu, on the river Muni, Western Africa, with descriptions of new species. By John Cassin.

Which were severally referred to Committees.

On leave granted, Dr. Leidy introduced a memorial to Congress, praying that a report be ordered to be prepared on the collections of Natural History, recently made by the North Pacific Exploring Expedition, under Com. Rodgers; which was referred to a Committee with power to act.

January 27th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The Annual Report of the Publication Committee was read and adopted.

In accordance with the By-laws, an election for members of the standing Committees for the present year was held, with the following result:—